

# Minutes

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**APRIL 24, 2014**  
**KENNESAW CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6:30 P.M.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. A quorum was present, along with Doug Taylor (P&R), and Council Members Leonard Church and Debra Williams.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of meeting from March 27, 2014.

Chairman reviewed some of the items discussed at the last meeting pertaining to Public Works and Parks & Recreation.

## **OPEN ITEMS**

**CERT TRAINING:** Jacque Cullins received information that there will be Saturday C.E.R.T. classes starting in June. Deadline to submit documentation is 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30; documentation must be submitted in hard copy. Classes will be held on 3 consecutive Saturdays and participants must attend all classes. Question: Should someone come in from the C.E.R.T. program to explain the program to KCAC? Discussion, no consensus.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**SMOKING IN THE CITY PARKS:** Doug Taylor was asked to speak on this topic. He states there have been complaints of smoking especially around the skate park area at Swift-Cantrell with the smoke blowing into children's areas and bothering other patrons. P&R now has a monitor/staff member in the park to request that smoking is in designated areas only. Our neighboring communities do not have a ban at this time, but some are also considering a ban in City Parks as an overall philosophy to promote a healthy lifestyle. There have been discussions of this topic with City Staff and Mayor & Council, and it has been requested that the KCAC make the smoking ban a point of discussion as to whether to make the City Parks completely smoke-free (ordinance below).

Proposed Ordinance: Sec. 66-2. Parks - Regulations governing conduct. It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following in a public park or on public property: Sell, smoke, or consume tobacco products in any public park or on any public property except in designated smoking areas.

Discussion of this item ensued. Several members, both smokers and nonsmokers, are concerned about the restrictions to ban open-air smoking by adults. Question if this ordinance would be reasonable to enforce. This item will be continued as an Open Item for Discussion at our next meeting.

**BLIGHT TAX:** What is the process for cleaning up the blighted areas within the City? Specific questions were asked about exit strategy for Castle Lake residents. More details are needed as to the process. Has the City applied this tax to any properties at this point?

**NEXT MEETING IS MAY 22, 2014.**

Additional items for consideration next meeting:

- City Parks Smoking Ban
- SPLOST List broken into the Tiered List of Priority
- Downtown Development at Historic Lewis Street area
- Blight Tax

**CALL FOR MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion was made and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Powers, Secretary*